major disaster declaration by the President of the United States pursuant to the Stafford Act has not been declared; and

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of North Carolina, IT IS ORDERED:

- Section 1. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §§ 166A-6 and 14-288.15, a State of Disaster and State of Emergency is hereby declared for the Towns of Bolton, Lake Waccamaw, Chadbourn, Tabor City and Fair Bluff and the City of Whiteville. Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation in Columbus County and Four County Electric Membership Corporation in Bladen and Columbus Counties are eligible entities, for purposes of reimbursement, as defined by N.C.G.S. § 166A-4(3).
- Section 2. State and local government entities and agencies are hereby ordered to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of this proclamation and the provisions of the North Carolina Emergency Operations Plan.
- Section 3. Bryan E. Beatty, Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety and/or his designee, is hereby delegated all power and authority granted to me and required of me by Chapter 166A and Article 36A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes for the purpose of implementing the said Emergency Operations Plan and to take such further action as is necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the populace in the above-referenced City.
- <u>Section 4.</u> Further, Bryan E. Beatty, Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, as chief coordinating officer of the State of North Carolina, shall exercise the powers prescribed in N.C.G.S. § 143B-476.
- Section 5. I authorize this proclamation: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) unless the circumstances of the state of disaster prevent or impede, to be promptly filed with the Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, the Secretary of State, and the clerks of superior court in the counties to which it applies; and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to assure proper implementation of this proclamation.
- Section 6 The Type I disaster declaration shall expire 30 days after the issuance of the state of disaster and state of emergency and Type I disaster proclamation for the Towns of Bolton, Lake Waccamaw, Chadbourn, Tabor City and Fair Bluff and the City of Whiteville, issued on June 1, 2004, unless renewed by the Governor or the General Assembly. Such renewals may be made in increments of 30 days each, not to exceed a total of 120 days from the date for first issuance. The Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations shall be notified prior to the issuance of any renewal of a Type I disaster declaration.